Medicine

Dr Lawrence Blanchet of Chicago, carried the Straight spirit to his new home. He organized a Straight Branch in Chicago, which from time to time sends money to Straight for student aid.

After graduation from the Straight College Preparatory Department in 1900, Dr Blanchet was employed in Civil Service in New Orleans. Then he studied medicine in Flint Goodridge Hospital, and later for two or three years in Northwestern University Before he began his independent practice, he was Interne in Providence Hospital in Chicago, and later instructor in the same hospital.

Aside from his medical practice, Dr Blanchet has many civic and church interests. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Old People's Home in Chicago. His active church work began in Central Church in New Orleans. In Chicago he was instrumental in organizing the Congregational Church of the Good Shepherd, of which he is now head of the Board of Deacons. Throughout the past winter this church has been serving meals in its basement daily to about 275 people. Each child in the large Sunday School brings a potato, an onion, or a few beans, and in such manner all the food is given. The people who receive the food prepare it, since some of the unemployed are cooks, waiters, and dishwashers. This co-operative plan is indicative of the spirit of the church in which Dr. Blanchet is vitally interested.

Dr Leonidas T Burbridge was born in Woodford County Kentucky, October 25, 1870. He attended Straight College from 1880 to 1889 graduating May 31 of that year. He attended Meharry Medical College from 1890 to 1893, graduating Feb. 7, 1893. Dr Burbridge has been a successful physician for 38 years. He is chairman of Board of Trustees of Straight College, President of Louisiana Industrial Life Insurance Co., President of National Association of Negro Insurance Companies.

Dr E. Charles Thornhill received his academic training at Straight, first in Daniel Hand School, and then in the College Preparatory Department, from which he was graduated in 1902. He entered Flint Medical College, attending school by day and working at night. He was graduated from Flint Medical College in 1909, but continued in Civil Service until 1911, when he gave all of his time to medical practice. He pursued his graduate studies at Rush Medical College.

Dr Thornhill is a member of the board of trustees of Straight College. He has served as President of the Alumni Association. He is often on the campus and, busy as he is, often finds his way to Straight's side-lines at football games and acts as the "medicine man."

Dr J H. Murray graduated from Straight in 1901. He is a practicing physician in the city and recently took an important part in the Alumni-student-aid drive.

Dr E. J LaBranche was graduated from Straight College in 1902. He attended Meharry Pharmaceutical College, graduating from that institution in 1905. Soon thereafter he opened his drug store in New Orleans. In 1909 he was married to Miss Gertrude Blanchet, also a graduate of Straight.

Dr LaBranche is a member of the Y M. C. A. board, a trustee of Straight College, a trustee of Dillard University, a member of the Elks, Knights of Pythias and other organizations. He has also served as chairman of the Colored division for the Community Chest. In various ways he has demonstrated his abilities as a leader He has been one of the foremost and most active in any movement for the progress of his Alma Mater Mrs. Blanchet was formerly Miss Hattie Leonard, a Straight student. They have four children.